



# NEWS RELEASE

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### CALTRANS RIBBON CUTTING EVENT OPENS NEW DANA RAMP

**REDDING** - Caltrans today announced that the Dana to Downtown Project has been completed - nine months ahead of its original timetable. The \$66 million project was funded almost entirely (\$64.3 million) by Proposition 1B, a \$19.9 billion transportation bond championed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and approved by voters in 2006. The remaining funds came from Regional Transportation Enhancement funds.

"As the voters intended, Proposition 1B is paying for vital transportation projects all over California that will relieve traffic congestion, improve air quality, and more importantly, provide a shot in the arm to the state's economy," said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. "I am proud that Caltrans completed this project nine months ahead of schedule so the people of Shasta County can reap the benefits of their tax dollars being hard at work sooner than expected."

Located on State Route 44 in Redding between Interstate 5 and East Street, the Dana to Downtown project constructed a new ramp from Dana Drive to westbound SR-44, making it much easier for motorists to access downtown businesses, restaurants, schools, and the Shasta Regional Medical Center. To help relieve traffic congestion, the Sacramento River Bridge was replaced with a larger, six-lane structure, and the Auditorium Drive interchange (now re-named Sundial Bridge Drive) was expanded to four-lanes, creating better access to Turtle Bay Exploration Park and the Redding Convention Center. A new pedestrian/bicycle path also now connects the Dana/Hilltop area to Turtle Bay and the city's popular River Trail.

"It's a great example of efficient government partnering with a private contractor and local agencies. This project shows that we can be productive even in these difficult economic times," said Caltrans Director Cindy McKim. "We are pleased to present the people of Redding this new gateway into their city."

Caltrans, the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency, and the city of Redding were partners on the project.

To date, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission have allocated nearly \$6 billion in Proposition 1B funding to more than 1,000 projects statewide.

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